

Minutes of the March 28, 2007 meeting of the Uintah Basin Youth Council

Attending: Wayne Griffin, Keith Nielsen, Adrienne Wooten, Mistalyn Leis, Shelly Ivie, Toni Ansel, Tracy Parrish, Gaylinn Frandsen, Margo Weeks, Kathy Deets, Jane Broadhead, Bob Gilbert

Guests: Daniel Palmer, Redge Palmer, Amy Palmer

Wayne welcomed everyone. Minutes were reviewed and approved

Jane introduced Daniel Palmer as a successful youth. Jane explained that a while back, Daniel came in and said he need to file an worker's comp claim for a worker from Palmer's Care Care. Jane was amazed to see him learn the process, file the claim, and follow it through. Daniel is a Sterling Scholar Student for drama, Student body President at Union, and is heavily involved in drama productions. Has presented some certification training at Palmer's, drives the tow truck, helps with advertising, and will have his Associate's Degree from USU when he graduates from Union this spring. Daniel then presented a power point presentation from Palmer's that he had prepared and used in training new Palmer employee. The presentation analyzed the tire markets and consumer trends in the tire industry.

Gaylinn gave the update for the Roosevelt Office as follows:

In School Youth	Out of School Youth	Foster Care	Youth in follow-up	Total Youth
3	13	4	27	43

Garyleen reported that she closed two as they got employment; another of her customers earned a GED. She said that she recently visited with a 19 year old, who was expecting a baby in September. Said that the youth she sees generally have several barriers and require a lot of effort to get them to succeed.

Kathy gave the report for the Vernal office.

In School Youth	Out of School Youth	Foster Care	Youth in follow-up	Total Youth
2	8	2	10	20

Vernal is doing a lot of outreach, attending meetings in the community. Received a referral at the PAC meeting, and is now serving this customer. She is doing an internship at the state and county building, is 19 and just getting a driver's license. Another new customer is just getting employment, works flipping burgers in the summer, and doing well in school. Kathy and Connie are getting lots of referrals, and are enrolling a few more. Getting some from probation and parole – however, typically they

are over income. We are also getting some from DCFS – should have some enrolled by next month. Also working with Youth in Custody, and getting some applicants.

Mistalyn then gave a report on the Connections program. She recently attended a national conference on after-school programs and feels that Utah is lagging behind. Other states are doing more and spending more dollars on after-school care. Academics is getting a lot of focus in other states and programs. Connections is funded through federal grants, the 21st Century grant. Currently, there are two grants in Uintah County. We are in years 3&4 of the grants. Will be some reduction in funding the last two years. Said that the hub of Lapoint is the most successful after-school program, with many activities related to the Connection program. Currently have the following sites: Davis Elementary, Maeser Elementary, Lapoint, Todd, West Middle School, and Vernal Middle School, and oversee a Myton Elementary program. Myton and Lapoint are the most active, attended sites. The sites have 62 employees, and enrollment of 618, average attendance of 325. Connections is teaching the kids different ways to use their talents and skills during their free time. Cost is \$5.67 per day. Research shows that with quality after-school programs, students are less likely to commit crime or be a victim of a crime. Mistalyn said they have good data and feels their chances for grants are good in the future, especially with the west side sites of LaPoint, Todd and West. Members encouraged Mistalyn to include Duchesne County schools in the new grant application. Jane Gurr said there is a correlation between after school programs and success for at-risk youth, and suggested we look at the data. Jane B. said she agreed, and that at the federal level, there isn't correlation of the funding sources. Jane G. suggested we can serve 14-15 year olds that are in school, but are struggling, and make a difference in their lives. Jane B had earlier said that the State wants to move the percentage of funding spent on in school youth back to 50%, rather than 30%. Note: *"Jane B had earlier said that the State wants to move the percentage of funding spent on in school youth back to 50%, rather than 30%." It should say "rather than 70%" instead of 30%. We currently require that 70% of the funds be spent on out-of-school youth. Thanks, Jane* Jane B commented that if you begin serving a 14 year old, you are looking at 4 years of service. Jane B said there seems to be more of an effort at the federal level to coordinate programs in serving youth.

Jane then presented a powerpoint on Youth Councils and their roles. (It is attached.)

Keith said that yesterday there was an LCC meeting, and an issue was brought that a worker shortage at the Uintah County Care Center was causing the Center to be unable to take in new patients. The C.N.A. program is doing all it can to get students and workers trained.

The next meeting is set for April 25th in Vernal.